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ABSOLUTELY NO ALCOHOL (or food) MAY BE TAKEN TO THE WINERY!

Please leave it in the Cabin.

We are VERY serious about NOT jeopardizing our Liquor License or increasing our Liability Insurance.

We really don't want to restrict the use of alcohol at the cabins.

Don't be "that" guy who screws it up for everyone else!

Just leave it here.

Party here! All of the areas at the Winery are under surveillance including the parking lot.

The Cabins and Cottages at Shale Lake

Terms and Conditions

We look forward to making your visit to Shale Lake an enjoyable experience. Our accommodations feature 4 log cabins located at the water's edge of our 24 acre lake. Plus, we have 5 cottages perched on top of the highest man-made point in Madison County overlooking the lake and country side. And, we will be floating a cabin, "The boathouse", in the near future. The floating cabin will be permanently moored next to the wooded "point" on the southwest end of the lake. All so you can "get away and play".

Reservation Policy: Reservations are required at least 48 hours in advance for the Cabins and Cottages at Shale Lake. A valid credit card is required to guarantee your reservation. Full payment is required at the time the reservation is made. Our cancellation policy applies once payment has been processed.

You must be 21 years or older to rent one of our cabins or cottages. Your online reservation does not constitute a reservation until you have received a confirmation email notice from Shale Lake. All confirmation email notices will be sent during our regular business hours (Monday thru Thursday).

Daily Cabin and Cottage Rates: Our rates are based on dates requested and cabin type and are subject to availability. Rates may change without notice. All previously confirmed reservation rates will be honored. Holiday rates may be higher. Cabin and Cottage rates may be higher during "in season" periods and on Friday and Saturday nights and for single night stays.

Occupancy: All of our cabins and cottages have a clear maximum occupancy limit. Rates are based on 2 person occupancy. There is a \$20 charge per person per night for each additional person (including children 2 years old and older) up to the maximum occupancy of each unit. No cabin or cottage will be rented for more than the maximum occupancy limit. There is no discount for single occupancy. There will be no refund for early departure.

No visitors to registered guests will be allowed in the cabin/cottage between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. No unregistered vehicles are allowed to park in the cabin/cottage area. Unregistered vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. Visitors must park in the visitor parking area. Registered guests will be held responsible for damages or injuries caused by their visitors.

Quiet Time: Guests are asked to keep the noise level down between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. as a courtesy to the other guests. Shale Lake reserves the right to ask guest and/or their visitors to leave the premises for unsafe, loud or rowdy behavior.

Non Smoking: ALL of the cabins and cottages at Shale Lake are NON smoking. You may smoke on the porches. We provide outdoor ashtrays. Please use them and do not discard butts on the ground. Guests of cabins with evidence of interior smoking will be charged a cleaning fee of \$50 to \$200 to remove the smoke smell and replace smoke damaged items.

Housekeeping Services: For your convenience, all beds are made and an initial supply of bath towels, wash clothes, hand towels and a bath mat are provided based on occupancy conditions. An initial supply of bath tissue, paper towels, dish soap and regular coffee will be provided. It is the responsibility of the guest to provide their own additional comforts and supplies. Housekeeping is NOT provided daily. Housekeeping is not responsible for washing dishes.

Trash: There should be additional trash bags inside the trash can under the existing trash bag. Please do not leave full trash bags outside (raccoons). You can drop a full bag in the dumpster just outside the front gate or leave it in the screened in porch.

Pet Policy (including Dogs, Cats and Horses): Due to potential allergy conditions, we only allow pets in cabins 1-4. Pets are not allowed in the Cottages or the Boat House at Shale Lake. There is a \$25 non-refundable pet fee per pet per stay. For an additional charge, Shale Lake offers 12x12 covered stalls for boarding your horse overnight. Horses may NOT be tethered within 100 feet of a cabin or cottage. Horse trailers must be parked at the barn and may not be used for camping purposes. Check out our website www.shalehorse.com for more details.

Fishing and Activities: Registered guests are welcome to fish our stocked 24 acre lake. Fishing is catch and release ONLY. There is NO hunting allowed. There is NO ATV use allowed. There are NO firearms allowed on the premises (including BB and pellet guns). There are plenty of places to hike and explore, however the horse barns (at the top of the hill and behind the Winery), vineyard, out buildings and Winery (when closed) are STRICTLY OFF LIMITS.

Yes, guests may use the canoe or Jon boat AT THEIR OWN RISK. We have paddles available but you will need to ask for them. Just text 618-977-9916 and please leave them in the cabin. They tend to disappear if we leave them out! Please return the boats to gravel area where they are stored. Please do not leave them on the shoreline elsewhere.

The horses housed at Shale Lake are all boarders and privately owned. Sorry, we do NOT offer trail riding at this time.

There is no swimming allowed in the lake.

All activities at Shale Lake are at the Guest/Visitors own risk.

Children: A parent or legal guardian must accompany children under 16 to the water's edge. Children are not allowed to play in the parking areas or outbuildings. Please do not allow your children to play at other cabin/cottage sites. Children must be accompanied by someone 18 or over to ride on the rental bicycles including the surrey.

GUESTS WHO FAIL TO OBEY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS, CAUSE A DISTURBANCE TO OTHER GUESTS OR THE WILDLIFE OR ENGAGE IN ANY ILLEGAL ACTIVITY ARE SUBJECT TO <u>IMMEDIATE</u> <u>EVICTION</u> FROM THE GROUNDS.

Winery: The Winery at Shale Lake is located at the entrance gate about 2500 feet from the cabins (there is a wooded trail) and approximately ½ mile from the cottages. With few exceptions, the Winery is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please see our web page www.shalewine.com for more information.

Check-In /Check-Out: A check-in document including gate code, parking and door code instructions will be emailed to the registered guest approximately 2-5 days in advance of the arrival date. The email includes directions to Shale Lake and instructions for using our electronic security gate, parking and key pad door locks. Please follow the instructions for holding on to the gate key pad which you will need each time you enter Shale Lake.

To check out, simply lock the door. The door code will expire automatically. Only registered guests will be given the codes to cabin doors.

Check-In time is 4:00 p.m. and Check-Out time is 11:00 a.m. Early check in and late checkout are available on a per cabin/cottage basis. Cleaning times for the unit determine the early and late availability and are not guaranteed. Please ask in advance of your stay if early check in or late checkout are desired. Please let us know in advance if you plan to arrive later than 7:00 p.m. Shale Lake is open 365 days a year; however the office is closed between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., whenever the Winery is open and on all major holidays. Please text or call 618-

977-9916 for questions or issues during your stay. Please do not disturb the residents.

Parking: Each unit has a designated parking area. Larger units have two parking spaces. Additional guest owned vehicles must be parked in the visitor's parking area. Visitors must park in the visitor parking area. NO parking is allowed on the roadway or in the grass. There are no exceptions. Vehicles in tow must be left at the barn (horse trailers) or in the visitor parking lots. There is no turn around for towed vehicles.

Damaged or missing items: Shale Lake reserves the right to charge guests replacement costs for damage in excess of normal wear and tear to cabin/cottage interiors and provided furnishings. Guests agree to authorize Shale Lake to debit the credit card on file for reasonable replacement or repair cost of missing or unnecessarily damaged items.

Disclosures: Please note that no refunds are given on appliance or utility failures. For repair and maintenance, every effort will be made to remedy in a timely manner.

Cabin and Cottage guests authorize Shale Lake personnel access to rental cabins and cottages to verify that all the terms of this agreement are complied with or to perform any necessary maintenance.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations made 14 days or more prior to the arrival date can be used as a credit toward a stay at a later date or refunded minus a \$25 cancellation/handling fee.

Cancellations made 14 days or less in advance of the arrival date will not be refunded but will be credited toward a stay for a later date. The cancellation/handling fee will be increased to \$75 for cancellations made less than 48 hours in advance or for no show/no call reservations.

Payment Methods: We accept Master Card, Visa, Discover, American Express and US currency only. All money orders and Traveler's checks must be in US currency. Personal checks are accepted as long as they are received at least 10 days in advance of the stay.

Lost and Found: Any items left in or around the cabins or cottages must be claimed within 90 days. Shale Lake will make a reasonable effort to contact guests about any items found. After 90 days, the item will be discarded. Shale Lake will be happy to return identified guest items for the cost of shipping.

Campfires: All fires must be in the fire rings and attended at all times. Please remember that campfires are dangerous. Use all due care while creating, maintaining, and extinguishing the fire. Shale Lake recommends keeping a gallon or more of water nearby to douse the flames should they get out of control and having a first aid kit available.

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi is not yet available at the Cabins nor Cottages. There is wi-fi at the winery. If the winery is closed, the screened in patio door should be unlocked. Guests are welcome to use the tables and chairs to connect to the wi-fi. Signals are subject to change without notice depending on Shale Lake location from our wireless signal interface.

Risk Wavier: Notwithstanding any offer or provision of services by Shale Lake whether for fee or gratuitously, a guest and or visitor acknowledges that Shale Lake is not liable to him or her for any losses, injury or damage suffered by such member to his or her property or person, arising, whether through acts of negligence or otherwise, of guests, visitors, members or employees in their conduct. All guests and visitors acknowledge and accept that such liability shall be borne by him or her as the case may be, and further indemnify Shale Lake and hold harmless for all loss, cost and expense incurred by reason of the member's neglect or use of the premises or by reason of injury to person or property in or on the property of any other place from any cause whatsoever. All risks of any such injury, loss or damage shall be assumed by the guest or visitor who shall hold Shale Lake harmless or indemnified therefrom.

By making a reservation and visiting Shale Lake, you accept these terms and conditions.

Directions From I-55 take exit 37 into Livingston. Turn right on Livingston Ave. Go 1.9 miles. Livingston Ave becomes Williamson Ave.

Shale Lake is on the corner of Williamson Ave and Washington Ave (just before the road curves out of town).



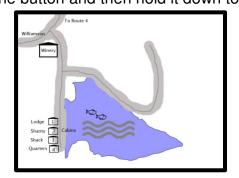
SESSEL PAGES

Opening the Gate There is a key

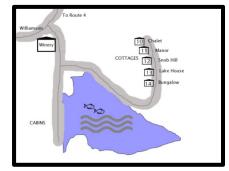
pad just to the left of the call box. If the gate is closed, enter your four digit code and the gate should open. Your code will expire on the last registered date of your stay. If your code does not work, try using the call box first. You must push the button and then hold it down to

speak. If no one answers please call 618-977-9916.

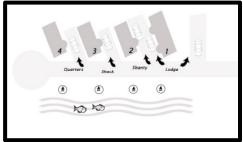
At the fork in the road, go straight for the **cabins**



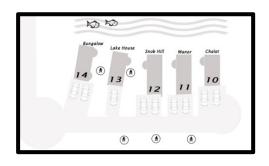
Or go left and follow the signs down the lake shore to the end of the hill for the **Cottages**.



Parking For privacy and the view, parking is limited. If you have multiple vehicles or visitors, you will need to park the extra cars in the visitor parking lot near the fork in the road for the cabins...



Or at the entrance to the hill for the **cottages**.





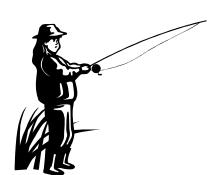
Cabin or Cottage Door The front door of the Cottage has a key pad. Enter your same code (you will hear a click) and open the door. Turn the thumb latch on the inside to keep the door unlocked during your stay. When you leave, you can lock your door by turning the thumb latch back to the locked position (engaging the code once again).



Winery

The Winery at Shale Lake is open every Fri. 4-10 p.m., Sat. 1-10 pm & Sun. 1-6 p.m. (12-4 in the Winter) All year long! For live music and more check out our events calendar atvwww.shalewine.com. PLEASE DO NOT

BRING ALCOHOL FROM THE CABINS OR COTTAGES INTO THE WINERY OR SURROUNDING SERVICE AREA (Except Shale Lake Wine!)



Fishing

We have excellent fishing. Bring your pole. CATCH & RELEASE ONLY! Please see our website for lake regulations... www.shalelake.com

Rentals

We rent surrey bicycles (by the day or half day)...email shale@madisontelco.com for more information.



Firewood

Cabins and Cottages have a designated fire ring with an adjustable BBQ grill...make arrangements to purchase firewood (\$6 bundle) and have it waiting a your site by sending an email to shale@madisontelco.com





Hiking

With over 200 acres, there are plenty of areas to roam. Watch for our unique cactus on the shale hills or search for old bottles from the coal mine days.

HIKING TRAILS

There are 212 acres available for exploring. The entire perimeter has some form of fencing (some chain link and some barbed wire). There are a few interior chain link fences as well. You are welcomed to explore the entire property except for the outbuildings. There are a few wooded trails that are maintained annually. As an old coal mine, Shale Lake has a lot of old bottles and treasures to find!

There is a trail from the log cabins directly to the Winery. It is about 950 feet long and starts at the road to the right of cabin 1 (gps coordinates 38.990150,-89.758783). It goes through the woods over a little wooden bridge past the horse pasture and to the front door of the Winery. Watch for deer, turkey and cactus.

There are two horse riding trails: one starts next to the visitor parking at the base of the cottage road to the right of the shed (gps coordinates 38.993825,-89.760299) and curves around the North end of the lake. The other trail starts just past the Route 66 sign beyond the log cabins (gps coordinates 38.990385.-89.757273). Look for an opening on the right just after the grove of locust trees.

If you get lost call 618-977-9916 or use gps coordinates 38.990275,-89.758456 for the cabins or gps coordinates 38.994592, -89.762109 for the cottages.

HILLTOP VIEWS

HORSES: The cottages are fenced with low-voltage electric wire. Please do not go beyond the fencing. Please do not test the wire! Please do not open the gates. There are horses in the pastures in front and behind the cottages. For your safety and the safety of the horses,

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE HORSES. A human can lose a finger feeding a horse! A horse can choke on a treat (or a finger). PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE HORSES.

Most of the horses are owned by boarding customers. The three in the pasture between the cottages and the vineyard (the only pasture you can see across the lake from the cabins) are retired and living out their life in style! Dewey is the "medicine hat" grey (white horse with blue eyes). He was born in 2000 and is a "paint". His markings are specific with what looks like an old fashioned nursing cap on his ears and forehead. Ella is his half-sister and the same age. She is bay colored (red coat with black legs, tail and mane). She is also a paint but with only one mark (star) on her forehead. Winston is the palomino (strawberry red with cream colored mane & tail).

VINEYARD: The vineyard is approximately 14 acres. We planted in 2007 and had our first harvest in 2010. There are 74 rows of grapes.

Each row is 600 foot long. We have 6 varieties of grapes; three red varieties; Norton, Chambourcin and Marechal Foch and three white varieties; Vignole, Cayuga and Traminette. If you wonder what we are doing...we typically prune the vines in March and April and we typically harvest from July to October. We do not harvest enough grapes to make all of our current wine production. We buy juice or grapes of only the same varieties we grow. We make 100% of our own wine. We are a REAL WINERY!

LAKE: Our 24 acre lake is a natural lake. It was used in the coal mine production and reclaimed in the 90's. When it was reclaimed, it was drained and trenched. Some of the top soil in the Vineyard came from the bottom of the lake. With the exception of a 20' deep trench in front of the dam, the lake is only 4-5' deep. If you fall in, STAND UP! The lake was stocked in the 90's and has some really great fishing! We sell annual fishing memberships (check out shalelake.com). Cabin guests may fish, CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY. We have crappie, bass, catfish and bluegill.

The canoe and Jon boat can be used free of charge at the cabin guest's OWN RISK. Please return the boats to the same area of the shoreline. We have oars available, just ask!

Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult to use the boats.

FOWL, FUR and SHELL: We host a lot more than humans at the lake! You may see a Grey Heron soaring in for the night and occasionally a white one, too. We have Swans and White Northern Pelicans stopping almost every year. We also have at least 3 Barred Owls, a pair of Red Tail Hawks and occasional an eagle or two.

If you see what looks like a large dog swimming in the lake, it is our beaver. His name is Shrek. He is responsible for most of the dead trees around the shoreline. Hike over to one of the dead trees and explore his work. It is fascinating!

If you see what looks like a white bear, it is our dog. His name is Yeti. He is a working dog and prefers to slow cars down so he can count the passengers each time you pass the residence. We apologize if he is slow to move. He is old. He is friendly but he is a working dog...if you startle him, he will bark at you. Please use caution and PLEASE OBSERVE THE SPEED LIMIT! Yeti says...

We have more than our share of turtles including some snapping turtles the size of a tire! If you find one hibernating in a creek, best to leave it alone!

plants and trees. The old coal mine employed as many as 700 people. There were buildings in and around the woods. The buildings are gone but you will find cactus thriving in the shale dust and a huge bed of iris blooms (planted by previous office ladies). We have a yucca grove, pecan & walnut trees, plus apple and persimmon trees. The old metal stove was not grown but rather thrown here by locals using the property as a dump. There is a lot of really cool, really old stuff. Please feel free to explore and take any trash...ehh..treasures with you!

DIE HARD JOGGERS: It is .4 miles from the front gate to the cabins and .6 miles from the cottages to the front gate following the gravel road (plus you get points for running up hill!). If you want to go further than the front gate, there is a walk gate in the grove (the area with picnic tables to the left of the front gate). You are welcome to run the trails. However, they may not be completely dry or clear at all times.

BIKING: The Madison County (Quercus Grove MCT trail QG5) and Macoupin County ITS bike trail from Staunton to Benld both connect less than 3 miles from us. There is an entrance to the bike trail off of Route 4 just north of Old Route 16. To access you will have to ride your bike off trail for 2.5 miles or you can park and ride using the entrance in South Watertower Park located at 100 E. 6TH St Staunton, IL 62088.

To ride to the bike trail entrance...Turn right on Williamson Ave (exiting Shale Lake) Turn left at the end of the road (this is Siever's road also known as old route 16). Follow the road when it curves toward the right to Route 4.Turn right on route 4 and you will see the bike trail just ahead.

Non bike trail riding conditions to get to trail: ½ mile gravel road followed by 2.5 miles county road, followed 1/4 mile State route to trail.

To drive and park and then ride to the bike trail entrance Turn right on Williamson Ave (exiting Shale Lake) Turn right at the end of the road (this is Siever's road also known as old route 66).

Follow the road to the left when it turns into Madison St.

Turn left on E. 4th St. Turn left on Wabash St. Take the second right onto E.6th St.

STORM WARNINGS

We are located at the North most point of Madison County at the Macoupin County line (Olive Township). Williamson is sometimes mentioned but mostly storm alerts are reported for the two surrounding towns of Livingston (Madison) and Staunton (Macoupin).

The radar usually shows Interstate 55 as a landmark or our area.

The cabins and cottages are built to withstand strong wind conditions and Midwest weather. They are anchored with 6000 pound strength cables to over 30,000 pounds of reinforced concrete. They are only 12' wide so they do move in heavy wind.

We do not have a basement or storm shelter on the property. An interior room without windows or a low laying ditch is recommended in the event of tornados.

Watch verses Warning...

A **severe thunderstorm watch** outlines an area where an organized threat of thunderstorms containing penny-size hail or large and/or damaging/destructive winds are expected during (generally) a three to 6 hour period.

A **tornado watch** includes the large hail and damaging wind threats, as well as the possibility of multiple tornadoes.

Typical watches cover about 25,000 square miles, or about half the size of Iowa.

A **tornado warning** is issued when a tornado (or sometimes a funnel cloud) has been spotted or is denoted by radar. When a tornado warning is issued for your area you should seek shelter.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency 911

Address: 1499 Washington Ave, Williamson (Staunton), IL

Williamson is located off of I-55 (exit 37) between Livingston and Staunton IL in Madison County, IL. (Staunton is in Macoupin County).

Shale Lake Innkeeper (please text all non-emergency issues) 618-977-9916

Alternate emergency numbers 618-637-2470 / 618-407-9273

Staunton Memorial Hospital

400 N Caldwell St., Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-3200

Animal Doctor (Dr. Steinmeyer) 195 Route 4, Staunton IL 62088 217-835-2485

LOCAL RESTAURANTS

(Listed by Distance to Shale Lake)

The Winery at Shale Lake

1499 Washington Ave, Williamson, IL 62088 618-637-2470

Gasperoni's Italian Food and Grocery

416 S. Livingston Ave, Livingston, IL 62058 618-637-2828

Country Inn Diner

536 Veterans Memorial Dr., Livingston, IL 62058 637-2600

Dairy Queen

1553 Herman Road, Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-5194

Twistee Treat

908 Veteran Memorial Dr. Livingston, IL 62058 618-637-2366

Schweppe's River Fish Lounge

124 E Henry, Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2777

DeCamp Junction

8767 State Route 4, Staunton, IL 62088 618-637-2951

Sunset Diner

21224 Route 138, Mt. Olive IL 62069

R&B's Family Restaurant

802 S. Hackman St., Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2588

Bamboo Garden Chinese Cuisine

121 S. Edwardsville Ave, Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-7423

Cavataio's Italian Restaurant

101 S Edwardsville Ave, Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2030

Hardee's

117 N Hibbard St, Staunton, IL 635-5453

JoDanni's Amore (Italian)

2422 Staunton Rd, Gillespie, IL 62033

Yellow Dog Tavern

124 E Wall St. Worden, IL 618-459-3663

Weezy's Bar and Grill

108 S Old US 66 (Route 66), Hamel IL 618-633-2225

Pizza Man of Litchfield

301 W Main, Litchfield, IL 217-324-6139

LOCAL BARS

The Winery at Shale Lake

Of course!

Rock Bottom Bar

903 Williamson Ave, Williamson, IL 62088

R&B's Family Restaurant

802 S. Hackman St., Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2588

Digger's Dugout

7708 State Route 4, Worden, IL 618-633-1850

Yellow Dog Tavern

124 E Wall St. Worden, IL 618-459-3663

Mister T's 219 E Main St, Staunton, IL 635-3112

PIZZA DELIVERY (to Shale Lake)

Please provide your cabin/cottage number when ordering.

Little Italy's Pizza 618-635-8181

Casey's General Store 618-635-8288

PHARMACIES

Fritz Drug 219 W Main St. Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2267

Sullivan's Drug Store 101 E Main St. Staunton IL 62088

618-635-2595

Coming soon...CVS Pharmacy, Staunton, IL

GROCERY

Bill's IGA 406 E Main St. Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2121 (does not sell alcohol)

Jim's IGA 421 S Livingston Ave, Livingston, IL 62058 618-637-2110

The Main Station Liquor Store 401 W Main St. Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-3025

AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR AND SERVICE

Martintoni's Auto Repair 419 S Livingston Ave, Livingston IL 62058 618-637-2277

Napa Auto Parts 201 E Main St. Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2484

FLORIST

Brick House Florist 100 W Main St. #B Staunton IL 62088 618-635-3716

Firnhaber Florist 221 W Main St, Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-2288

Nancy's Florist 303 S Livingston Ave, Livingston IL 618-637-8929

HAIR SALONS AND BARBER

Moore's Barber Shop 316 E Main St. Staunton IL 618-635-3788

Zuko's 200 W Main St. Staunton IL 618-635-5889

DOCTORS

Staunton Chiropractic Clinic 426 W Pearl St, Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-3200

Staunton Health Clinic 444 N Edwardsville St, Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-300

BAIT, TACKLE AND FISHING SUPPLIES

Duda Ace Hardware, 500 W Main St. Staunton, IL 62088 618-635-3300

LIBRARY

Staunton Library 306 W Main, Staunton IL 62088

MAIL AND SHIPPING

U.S. Post Office 301 S Livingston Ave, Livingston IL 62058 (reduced hours)

U.S. Post Office 113 S Edwardsville St. Staunton, Il 62088

SHOPPING CENTERS AND MALLS & Museums

Pink Elephant Antique Mall 908 Veterans Memorial Dr. Livingston, IL 62058 618-637-2366

Country Classic Cars 2149 E Frontage Rd. Staunton, IL 62088

Route 66 Museum Litchfield, IL

VARIETY STORES

Wal-mart 1205 W Ferdon, Litchfield, IL 62056

LAUNDRY MAT

Rainbow Laundry 110 N Hibbard St, 62088

Distance to other Communities

Shale Lake to.....

Livingston, IL 1 mile

Staunton, IL 3 miles

Worden, IL 8 miles

Mt. Olive, IL 9 miles

Hamel, IL 9 miles

Gillespie , IL 12 miles

Edwardsville, IL 18 miles

Litchfield, IL 18 miles

St. Louis, MO 40 miles

Springfield, IL 62 miles

Our Local wine trail.....

Heartland Rivers Wine Trail

Bretz Wildlife Lodge and Winery

Route 127 North
Carlyle, IL 62261
(618) 594-8830
Open Year Round
Monday - Wednesday 3pm-8pm
Thursday 3pm-11pm
Friday 3pm-1am
Saturday 11am-1am
Sunday 8am-8pm
*Monday - Friday Kitchen opens
at 4pm

Crooked Creek Winery

24585 West 10th Street Road Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 495-2161

Forsee Vineyards and Winery

18165 N. 4th Avenue
Coffeen, IL 62017
(217) 534-6347
Open Year Round
Summer Hours, beginning with
DST
Thursday - Sunday Noon-10pm
Winter Hours, beginning in
November
Thursday - Sunday Noon-8pm

GenKota Winery

301 North 44th Street Mt. Vernon, IL 62864 (618) 246-9463 Open Year Round Monday - Thursday 10am-6pm Friday - Saturday 10am-7pm Sunday Noon-6pm

Hidden Lake Winery

10580 Wellen Road Aviston, IL 62216 (618) 228-9111

Mary Michelle Winery and Vineyard

Tasting at Pere Marquette Lodge 13653 Lodge Blvd. Rte 100 Grafton, IL 62037 (618) 786-2331

Orchard View Winery

307 2nd Street Alma, IL 62807 (618) 547-9911

Roundhouse Wine Company

1938 Dogwood Lane Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-1600

Springers Creek Winery

817 Hillsboro Avenue (Route 157/Historic Rt. 66) Edwardsville, IL 62025 (618) 307-5110 Open Year Round

<u>Plainview Vineyard and</u> Winery

10456 2nd Road Plainview, IL 62685 (618) 836-5514

Schorr Lake Vineyards

1032 South Library Street Waterloo, IL 62298 (618) 939-3174

The Winery at Shale Lake

1499 Washington Ave. Williamson, IL 62088 (618) 637-2470

Shale Lake's Recommendations

We love all of our neighboring food spots...these are just some of our favorite combinations....

BEST.....

Wine....Shale Lake

Cheeseburger......Yellow Dog Tavern

Breakfast......Sunset Diner

Best Pie....Country Inn

Pizza.....Gasperoni's or Cavatios

Fish...Schweppe's or DeCamp Junction

Homestyle....R&B's Family Restaurant

Patty Melt....Country Inn

Wings....Yellow Dog Tavern or Weezy's

Salad...Gasperoni's or Weezy's

Fried Chicken....DeCamp Junction

Steak...Yellow Dog

Diner Food...Country Inn or Sunset

Fine Dining....JoDanni's Amore

Buffet...R&B's Family Restaurant

Shale Lake

Founded in 2006 on the site of a reclaimed coal mine, Shale Lake is the first and only "Coal Winery" in Illinois. Offering a year round winery with a beautiful vineyard, 10 full



service cabins and cottages, a wine walking trail plus hiking and equine trails... all located on Historic Illinois Route 66, it's the perfect spot to "get away and play"!

The Winery produces wines from the 6 varieties of grapes being grown on site. The tasting room is open to the public Friday-Sunday throughout the year for guests to sample and buy true Illinois wines. An eclectic mix of cold and hot appetizers, sandwiches and pizzas are available as well. The heated Wine Garden patio is a perfect spot to relax year-round!

Four log style cabins nestled along the lake shore and five cottages overlooking the lake with a "grand" view of three counties are the most recent additions at Shale Lake. Whether you are looking for a 1970's retro themed cabin, trying to get your kicks on route 66, seeking a romantic getaway or, a "girl's night out", one of the cabins will fit your needs. The size, accommodations and décor for each cabin is completely unique. Pick the cabin or cottage that best fits your needs or make it a goal to try each one!

With over 200 acres of wooded trails, guests can take a glass of wine for a stroll down to the 24 acre lake or hike from the front door of the cabins to the back door of the Winery. You can even rent a surrey bicycle and peddle your way around the lake!

Located at exit 37 off of Interstate 55, Shale Lake is just a few miles away from shopping at The Pink Elephant Antique Mall, Henry's Rabbit Ranch and The Country Classics Cars Museum (and sales). Pick one or all three and have fun on Route 66 in rural Illinois! Or, if it's wine your seeking...pick up a map and find your way to one of the 12 Heartland River's Wine Trail Wineries located within the region.